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BASSANO LIBERALS

Hold Meeting And Elect Officers—Support
Respectfully

The Liberals of Bassano met in Prince's Hall on Friday evening Aug. 5, for the purpose of organizing for the coming election campaign. Mayor Playfair was appointed to the chair and Mr. W. A. W. Haime acted as secretary.

The meeting was enthusiastically in favor of the Redoubt agreement made with the United States and every liberal will do his best to see that it is fulfilled.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mayor Playfair; Vice President, H. C. Pegler; Secretary, Treasurer, Dr. J. W. Hager; Representative to the Convention to meet at Lethbridge on Aug. 10, R. H. Struthers; Organizer, R. H. Struthers; Executive Committee, J. J. Monahan, W. A. W. Haime, M. J. Connelley, Wm. Thompson and A. A. McGregor.

OHIO MEN ARRIVE

Springfield, Ohio, Loses Two More Good
Citizens to Canadian West.

Mr. Frank Hagengrath, of Springfield, Ohio, arrived in town last week to look after the portion of land owned by the Hagengrath Farm Co. in which he holds an interest. The section is numbered 25 and 330 acres of it are under wheat, 110 acres being in flax. The total averages thirty bushels to the acre and there are stretches of it hard to equal anywhere in Alberta. The others who are interested are C. J. Hicks, H. W. Reily, Roscoe Piers and T. C. Parcell.

R. C. Powers, civil engineer, also from Springfield arrived in town with Mr. Hagengrath. Both express appreciation of Western Canada. The crops here, Mr. Hagengrath says, beat anything he has seen this year. He expects to harvest shortly.

THE VISITORS

The visiting members of the irrigation convention will reach Bassano about 10:30. About one hundred are expected. Lunch will be served immediately and a trip to the dam in action will follow, and probably a short run through the district so that the visitors may have an idea of what the crop around here is like.

LIBERAL CONSERVATIVES

Hold Meeting and Elect Officers—Delegates
To Convention

A meeting of the Liberal Conservative Association was held on the evening of the 7th to reorganize and elect the party of this district to first class fighting line.

A good representation of the party was in attendance and much business accomplished.

A Conservative Club room was secured which will shortly be opened, furnished with furniture, literature, etc., that the members may convene together and use as their headquarters.

Representatives from Calgary and High River were present, who, in short addresses, commended the meeting that not only the Bassano District united to overthrow the Government but their district as well.

A letter from a prominent politician of B. C. was read which stated that in his opinion British Columbia would not return a single member who was in favor of reciprocity.

A. I. Robertson, ex M. P., occupied the chair and the following officers were elected: Hon. President, A. J. Robertson; President, Chas. Harris; Vice President, R. McKelvie; Secretary, J. L. Trotman; Treasurer, H. S. Johnson; Organizer, J. Golden; Executive Committee, Messrs. Purcell, Shoop, Flanagan and Wright.

The following were appointed to attend the convention at Lethbridge for the purpose of nominating a candidate for this constituency: M. Pierce, C. Harris and R. McKelvie.

At the close of the meeting a resolution of confidence was passed in their leader, R. L. Borden, after which with three hearty cheers for our leader, the party dispersed in enthusiastic spirits.

BASSANO SURE!

Brooks Banner

Some time ago blue prints were issued by the C. P. R. showing their new cut-off line new building from Swift Current intersecting with the main line at Brooks. A camp of engineers is now at work about 15 miles southeast of Brooks and we are told this is no chaff as the line will run close to town and where it will intersect with the main line is a problem. But whether the line comes here or not, it will be a valuable road and will open up a rich section of country.

We can assure the Banner the road will intersect at Bassano.

WELCOME TO BASSANO

Welcome to the members of the Irrigation Convention. This town is very pleased to have all the visitors within her midst and says, "Call again." If you had been here a couple of years and a little more ago you would have seen some fine prairie land on this townsite. Now you see a prosperous little town. Come again in a couple of years and you'll probably be surprised.

Bassano has certain distinctive features altogether different from the ordinary run of prairie towns and her people claim she is destined for something big. Because of this ambitiousness the young town is looked upon with something akin to jealousy, sometimes. That now the C. P. R. is hesitating between Calgary, Medicine Hat and Bassano wherein to locate carshops gives an indication of the circle amongst which young Bassano moves.

It is the center of the irrigation area. She might not be geographically but it is within three miles of here where the Bow river is tapped to supply water for irrigating purposes. The fact of this proximity is in itself of little more than passing value, but you'll notice what a considerable lake will be formed by the building of the dam and also that turbine wheels are being installed to develop water power. From 15,000 to 20,000 h. p. can be generated, engineers tell us, when the structure is completed and the combined waters of the Bow and Elbow river rush over the impense dam. What an asset such a quantity of power will mean to a nearby town!

There is also, away down in the bowels of the earth, quantities of gas under this town and here. Inside a month's time the town will be lit with gas. 35 cents for domestic purposes and 50 cents for power will be the rates charged.

Aside from these advantages the land encircling the town for miles is splendid land, as good as any in the big wheat growing belt of which the splendid Bow Valley is the centre. The land around here is not settled very thickly as yet, but will be in a very few years. With fair weather for harvest the crop around here will equal any thing in the country.

Then the C. P. R. is about to "do things" for this town. A branch line north to Standard opening a splendid country is under construction. It is whispered the new cut-off in the main line will run from Swift Current to this town to again join the present main line. Bassano is destined to be a divisional point and steps toward that end are being taken now.

The town has been steadily building up. Two new hotels are going up and a score of new houses. That splendid building in the northwest corner is the new school. A new city hall is to be built very soon.

In the country north of here many settlers have located. These are mostly English and United States immigrants, and a most desirable class. A perusal of the columns of The News will give an idea of the home comforts and the social life that exists there and the land has only been settled upon for a few years.

All this is not bombast but a simple recital of facts. We don't desire a boom, but wish a steady growth for the town. We have a good council, of which Mayor Playfair is the head and our board of trade has secured many advantages for the town. R. C. Pegler is the secretary.

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Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demands against the late Annie Johnson, who died on the Fourth of April, 1911, near Bassano aforesaid, are required on or before the 26th August, 1911, to transmit to the undersigned Solicitor for the Administratrix of the said Estate, their names and addresses and full particulars of their claims in writing and a Statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them; such Statement to be verified by Statutory Declaration.

And take notice that after the 26th August, 1911, the Administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice, and will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person of whose claim she shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 21st day of July, 1911.

FRED LANGMUIR.

Charesholm, Alberta.

Solicitor for the Administratrix.

Approved: ROLAND WINTER
Acting J.D.C.

AT THE EUREKA

The illustration of the famous opera of Trovatore, as shown on the films at the Eureka this week, was very well enjoyed by all, especially by those to whom high class Italian opera appeals. A distinct feature was the music furnished by Granville Lewis, which was the regular 11 Trovatore music. The novel song was a feature in itself. The pictures were better than usual a western story illustrated, appealing very much to the audience.

THE FRUITS

Of industry—E. F. Purcell New Sole Proprietor of First Store. A Bassano Pioneer.

E. F. Purcell, now the sole owner of the fine general store formerly run by Purcell & O'Brien, is a Bassano pioneer. His store, which he has just recently enlarged to double its former size, is the oldest general store doing business in town today. Pioneers of Bassano are not very old for the town is but an infant in years, and Mr. Purcell who is also a councillor, was here two years ago. On April 29, 1909 he received Bassano from Antigonish, a bustling city in the maritime provinces, and started the store. Mr. O'Brien came a few months later and the two worked hard and successfully for they built up a splendid business. In enlarging his store and keeping twice the stock Mr. Purcell thinks he is keeping up with the town's progressive demands.

Six years in the west is the length of time Mr. Purcell has lived west of the Great Lakes. Like all the people from "down by the sounding sea" he has been a great traveler and taken regular jaunts back to the home provinces. This town and country looks pretty good to him now, however, and he is in Bassano to stick.

"There were twenty people here when I came," "Ed" said the other day while chatting over old times, "and two stores. Bond and Berry's store was just going up and A. A. McGregor store kept a general store."

That was just two years ago. There are a thousand people here now and two blocks of stores.

Mr. Purcell has a message for the people of the district in another portion of The News. He wishes to thank customers for past favors and desires a continuance of patronage.

NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Take notice that the firm of Purcell & O'Brien has dissolved partnership.

The business will hereafter be conducted by E. F. Purcell. All account owing to or by the above firm will be paid to or by E. F. Purcell.

Bassano, Aug. 1st, 1911.

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PICNIC AT BERRY CREEK

Berry Creek, Aug. 3rd.—There have, of course, been picnics before, and it is probable there will be picnics again; but there never will be one known as enjoyable or held under more favorable conditions than that given by the United Farmers of Berry Creek, on Aug. 3. The picnic grounds were situated in a meadow near the creek on McKellar's farm, and the drive in from the north, past the neat yard, through flower beds, brilliant with a profusion of all kinds of plants, and down the path cut through the waving field of insignificant grain, was one of the most enjoyable sensations of the holiday. On arrival at the grounds we found a huge tent had been erected as a precautionary measure against a possible downpour; this however did not happen. The day was a delightful warm day of brilliant sunshine, and what is most to be thankful for no mosquitoes!

What a pleasant sight it was! Sports had not yet commenced in earnest, but here and there were groups of pleasure seekers strolling for the coming fete, some chasing the elusive football, some youngsters performing proudest feats in the park, some quite a number of men were walking around seeking information regarding the picnic, some were brandishing their golf clubs, some were brandishing their golf clubs, some were brandishing their golf clubs, etc. From the many enquiries made, the picnic must be well stocked with straw cattle and horses.

But where were the ladies! Above the shouts of the athletes we fancied we heard the rattle of dishes and on investigating this noise we discovered the aforementioned tent to resemble a hive of bees, numbers of gaily dressed ladies were laughing and laughing at round, piping appetizing dainties on the already creaking tables, how they were buzzing around laden with cakes and pies was a marvel, we were sure that the girl with the lemon pies was going to lift into the one with the strawberry pie, but they dodged somehow, where there was hardly room for a fly to dodge. So fascinated were we by this scene of activity that we were not aroused from our stupor until loud calls for dinner brought the crowds to the banquet, and then how those pies and cakes did vanish, and more than one bachelor was noticed gazing ardently at the dainty trays that were heading round the trays of cookies.

But we did not only come to eat, and energetic Dr. Gordon called attention for Mr. Osborne, who spoke a few well chosen words, mentioning the blessing we should be thankful for in the shape of bounteous crops, etc. also speaking a few words of advice to the younger in a general way. We have been present at picnics were assisted with, poor attention, but the way in which Mr. Osborne's remarks were received reflects the sensibility of his hearers. Mr. Davidson also spoke, regarding the many important benefits derived from such a society as the United Farmers of Alberta, of which he is a member, and announced the fact that in his part of the district, which is the southern valley, they were also attending to a picnic from a picnic. We then all headed for the race track, and it was noticeable that numbers of us had more difficulty in going after the banquet, then they had in sitting down before it.

We will not let us pass on your picture, giving a side of the prize winners.

of whom there were about fifty, nor can we give a detailed description of the many races. But we must, however not fail to mention the Ladies' egg and spoon race, which caused a lot of fun and not a little sorrow. The race was when we discovered the shocking display of moral depravity to which the female sex can sink. In spite of repeated and distinct instructions as to how to hold the egg and spoon, the majority of the competitors resorted to tricks that would make even a professional card player blush with shame. One innocent looking damsel had her egg tied securely to the spoon with thread and half a dozen ran the whole distance firmly gripping the egg to the egg to the spoon with their thumb. There was also a touch of humor to the ladies' sack race, as one of the ladies discovered a large 200 lb sack which she donned and had no difficulty in winning. Much amusement was caused by the antics of the men in the hobby horse and we could fill a page with the many quaint incidents that occurred. We must congratulate Mr. H. C. Woods on the admirable way in which he performed the starter, to him and to Dr. Gordon belongs a large share of the credit for the success of the picnic. Messrs. Len Van Housen and Davidson gave an exhibition on horse-back which showed them both to be clever riders, and we must not forget to mention that at baseball, Mr. Wells is an expert and had an admiring crowd watching his clever playing.

In the tug of war, married vs. single men, such a number joined in the contest that the brand new one inch rope parted in the middle. Every inch of the 200 feet of rope was occupied, and when it broke both sides sat down with a dull thud that scared the gophers for a mile.

We had thought that it would interest the lady readers of the News to hear a description of the pretty costumes, but space forbids and they were all dainty and charming from the tops of their much trimmed hats to their dainty silk stockings. (See I forgot the dear wife might see this and I am supposed to notice those things.)

The afternoon passed all too quickly and many heard the call for supper with regret as it showed how the time was flying. In spite of our forenoon appetites at dinner there still seemed to be any amount of good things to eat and no one needed to go home hungry.

After supper the Grand annual and several persons had planned to entertain the crowd were unable to come and so Mr. Robert Metzger and Tom H. Smith were dragged out of a corner with much difficulty and requested to sing a duet which they did well.

The title of the duet being "Harrigan," a couple of songs from Tom's book completed the short program, and after a thoroughly enjoyable day the crowd dispersed. A few still staying for football, etc. and came to row on the creek in the boat which Archie McKellar had made with the aid of his fertile brain and skillful hands.

Many thanks are due to Miss Broome and to Mr. P. H. Hildworth for the generous loan in which they helped in the success of the picnic, and also to Mr. Jacobs who provided the candy which gladdened the hearts of the fair young housewives.

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